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1. At the regular Wednesday meeting of the SED Politburo on 6 July 1955, at which Soviet Ambassador G. M. Pushkin was present¹, Walter Ulbricht informed the other members of the discussions which had taken place on 2 July between a small group of SED and Soviet functionaries.² After reading the protocol of the special 2 July meeting, Ulbricht expressed to Pushkin his displeasure at the fact that he (Ulbricht) had not been invited to participate.
2. Ulbricht stated that the Soviet comrades (M. A. Suslov and L. M. Kaganovich) had failed to make any provision to prevent discrimination in a reunified Germany against the workers in the VEBs and against government workers and political functionaries. Pushkin replied that the remarks made by the Soviet comrades had been completely clear, since the Soviet Union would agree to reunification only if it were based upon free and democratic elections and that Germany must thereafter have "a social and democratic government."
3. Ulbricht asked what ideas the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) has regarding the future of the present East German government. Pushkin answered that this is an internal German matter and that the DDR is a sovereign state. He added that the solution of the German question is extremely involved because of technical difficulties. The East German government and the SED Politburo have been of little help in solving these problems. He said the members of the Politburo should disabuse themselves of the notion that the U.S.S.R. considers the DDR politically and strategically as important as the Politburo seems to think; the population of East Germany and its sources of raw materials are of no consequence to the Soviet Union.
4. Ulbricht complained that the Politburo is unable to meet the deadline imposed by the Russians for the preparation of plans for German reunification. Pushkin replied that this was no concern of his and added that he could very well imagine that the plans were needed before next year. He said the Politburo of the SED is responsible to the Politburo of the CPSU for meeting the deadline. The Politburo of the CPSU, he said, is working on plans for neutralizing the other people's democracies with the exception of China.

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5. Ulbricht once more asked that an East German delegation be allowed in Moscow when Chancellor Adenauer is there. Pushkin replied that his statement of 2 July was final.
6. Karl Schirdewan asked how reparations will be handled in Germany after unification. Pushkin said he could not answer, since unification will result in a new situation in the whole of Germany which will have to be taken into account in solving this problem.
7. Franz Dahlem is said to have been invited to Karlshorst on 2 July to confer with Suslov and Kaganovich. However, according to Schirdewan, Dahlem's rehabilitation is to be postponed until President Wilhelm Pieck's return from vacation.
8. Speculation is rife among employees of the Central Committee of the SED as to how long Ulbricht will remain in control of East German affairs.

1. Comment: Pushkin attends those meetings of the Politburo in which matters of international importance are to be discussed.

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